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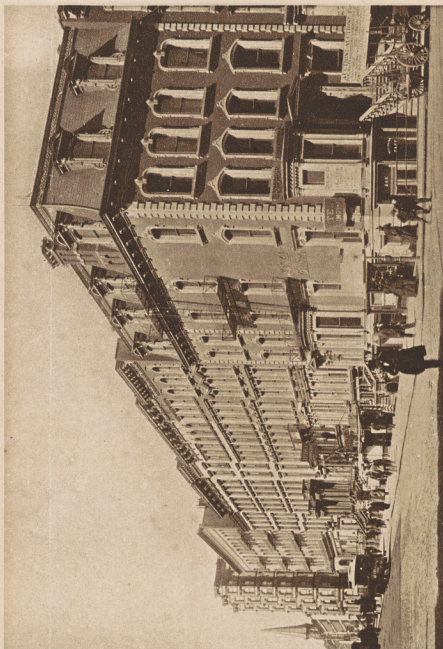
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Concerning the Revival of  
**VALENTINE'S MANUAL**  
of which these are specimen pages



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Forty-second Street, looking West from Madison Avenue to Sixth Avenue, showing Hotel Wellington on site of present Manhattan Hotel; Hotel Bristol, Hotel Maurice, etc., etc.

Together with a list of Illustrations, Articles and Progress to date. By HENRY COLLINS BROWN, Editor, 15 East 40th St., New York. *May, 1916*

## The Revival

The favor with which my book "Old New York" was received led me to believe that a revival of VALENTINE'S MANUAL, adapted to present-day conditions, would meet with a similar kindly reception.

I thereupon laid the project before a number of persons who, I thought, would be interested, suggesting that subscriptions to a "Founders' Edition," at \$10.00 per copy, might result in the re-establishment of this delightful old Year Book. On another page I print a list of the responses received so far to this appeal. It was sufficiently encouraging, in my opinion, to warrant going ahead with the work, as other subscriptions would undoubtedly be received before we go to press. Would you not like to be identified with this Revival?

In the following pages I have given part of the Table of Contents and of the Illustrations. There are 97 of the latter. They will be all printed from *copper photogravure plates* the same as these pages.

Progress has been rapidly made and the Founders' Edition I hope will be ready early in June. The book will have about 450 pages, bound in leather, and will measure 5 x 7 inches. Your subscription is respectfully solicited.



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View of City Hall and Broadway from a rare aquatint print by the Swedish Artist Akrell, 1825. Remarkable for its correct delineation of buildings on Broadway and St. Paul's, and for the wonderful local detail in foreground. Note the pigs.

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Broadway and the newly completed Post Office at Vesey Street before street cars, about 1876.

## Some of the 97 Pictures

PORTRAIT OF DAVID THOMAS VALENTINE.  
VIEW OF WALL ST. IN 1825.  
THE FEDERAL HALL AT NASSAU AND WALL. 1784.  
OLD SMITH ST. IN SQUARE RIGGED DAYS. 1885.  
CLIPPER SHIPS OF THE '49s.  
FIRST VIEW OF TRINITY CHURCH IN 1847.  
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BROADWAY AND FULTON STREET. 1842.  
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VIEW FROM EAST RIVER. 1875.  
VIEW FROM EAST RIVER. 1916  
SAINT JOHN'S PARK. 1868.  
NEW YORK HOSPITAL. 1868.  
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DUTCH CHURCH, FULTON COR. WILLIAM. 1868.  
OLD RESERVOIR, 42nd ST. 1895.  
42nd ST. FROM 6th AVE., LOOKING EAST. 1875.  
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and nearly 75 others equally  
rare and interesting.



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An old time landmark in New York—the Grand Union Hotel on 42nd Street and Park Avenue, just demolished to make room for new Lexington Avenue subway station. Internationally known as the home of the great and only Simeon Ford.



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